

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: CITY OF MANILLA, MUNICIPAL GAS DEPARTMENT	DOCKET NO. SPU-01-16
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ORDER EXTENDING FILING DEADLINE

(Issued June 4, 2002)

On October 25, 2001, the Utilities Board (Board) opened this docket to investigate whether the City of Manilla, Municipal Gas Department (Manilla), had discontinued natural gas service without Board approval in violation of Iowa Code § 476.20(1) (2001). The investigation was initiated based upon a letter filed on October 9, 2001, by Howard Ahrenholtz, Randy Ahrenholtz, Art Joens, Jay Miller, Terry Schechinger, and Marvin Vennink (Complainants). On May 16, 2002, the Board issued an order scheduling an evidentiary hearing in this docket and establishing a procedural schedule for the prefiling of testimony.

Counsel for Complainants has indicated that he will need additional time to prepare and file the prefiled testimony of Complainants' witnesses. The Board recognizes that the procedural schedule it adopted provided little time for the parties to prepare and file witness testimony, and so will grant some additional time to both parties to file that testimony. The filing deadline for prefiled direct testimony of witnesses will be extended from June 4, 2002, to June 7, 2002. Since the date for

filing testimony is extended, the Board will also extend the date for filing the agreements to the admissibility of previously filed information.

If the parties are unable to meet this new filing date or determine that additional evidence is not necessary, the Board will cancel the hearing and render a decision based upon the information in the file. In addition, the Board will cancel the hearing if it appears that the parties may settle this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The date for filing prefiled testimony and agreements to previously filed information is extended from June 4, 2002, to June 7, 2002.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4th day of June, 2002.